

# WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR FOX VALLEY WISCONSIN COUNTIES

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## Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Continue Seasonal Decline

For the month of May, the seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate for the Fox Valley WDA continued to follow seasonal patterns as it declined in all the counties of the area. The rate for the region was down 0.6 of a percentage point from April, although it remained 0.1 percentage point above last May. This was slightly better than the average drop of 0.4 of a percentage point for the April to May period experienced by the region between 1990 and 2002.

Green Lake and Waushara counties had lower unemployment rates than one year ago.

Labor Force Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted)				
	Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA	Wisconsin	United States (000s)	
<b>May-2003</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	240,900	3,089,900	146,485	
Employment	229,200	2,924,100	137,487	
Unemployment	11,600	165,700	8,998	
Unemployment rate	4.8%	5.4%	6.1%	
<b>April-2003 Change</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	700	(3,700)	12	
Employment	500	(3,200)	(200)	
Unemployment	-	(600)	212	
Unemployment rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	
<b>May-2002 Change</b>				
Civilian Labor Force	7,000	66,700	1,574	
Employment	6,500	60,400	1,000	
Unemployment	400	6,200	574	
Unemployment rate	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	

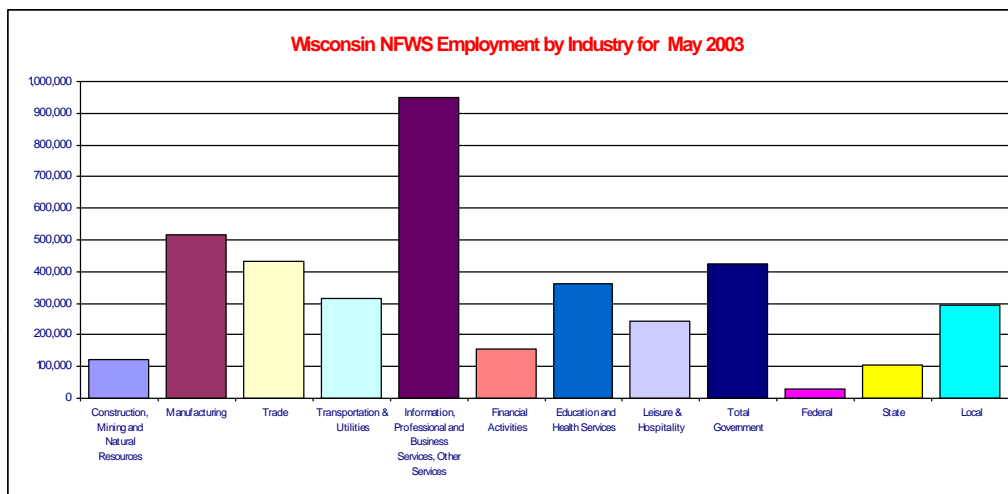
Note: All estimates are round and preliminary, based on place of residence.

There continued to be sluggish labor force growth in the area as the number of in workers only rose by 600 to 350,400. Typically the area's labor force increases about 1,400 workers over the month.

Employment growth remained fairly strong as the number estimated to be employed increased by 2,700 to 333,400 in May.

The rate for the three counties that make up the Appleton/Oshkosh Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was 4.7 percent, which was a decline of 0.5 of a percentage point from April. The rate for the combined four non-metro counties was 5.1 percent down 0.6 of a percentage point over the month. This average of the non metro counties was the same as the State of Wisconsin's unadjusted rate of 5.1 percent.

This is very close to the average increase of just over 2,600.



The number of jobs in the Fox Valley WDA increased by 3,700 in May. Although manufacturing employment has decreased over the last year, it is still the largest single employing

industry sector in the Fox Valley with over 69,000 workers. The number of workers in manufacturing makes up approximately 24 percent of the jobs in the region compared to less than 19 percent for the State of Wisconsin and less than 13 percent for the nation.

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## Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

The seasonally adjusted rate for the Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA remained at 4.8 percent. This is the same as last May.

The nation's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent, an in-

crease of 0.1 of a percentage point from April. The rate for Wisconsin was unchanged at 5.4 percent. The Green Bay MSA was at 4.6 percent, down 0.2 of a percentage point from last month.

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May 2003	App/Osh/ Neenah	Fond du Lac	Green Lake	Waupaca	Waushara	Fox Valley WDA	Fox Valley Non MSA's	Wisconsin
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	239,400	59,300	10,900	28,400	12,400	350,400	111,000	3,077,100
Employed	228,100	56,400	10,300	26,900	11,700	333,400	105,300	2,921,200
Unemployed	11,300	2,900	600	1,500	700	17,000	5,700	155,900
Unemployment rate(%)	4.7%	4.9%	5.6%	5.3%	5.8%	4.9%	5.1%	5.1%
<b>Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	208,900	49,700	8,000	22,200	6,300	295,100	86,200	2,799,500
Total Private	184,100	43,400	6,700	18,100	4,800	257,200	73,100	2,374,700
Goods Producing	65,000	13,700	1,900	6,000	1,000	87,600	22,600	639,700
Service Producing	143,900	36,000	6,100	16,300	5,300	207,500	63,600	2,159,800
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	13,600	2,900	600	900	300	18,300	4,700	123,600
Manufacturing	51,400	10,800	1,300	5,100	700	69,300	17,900	516,100
Trade	30,300	7,200	1,000	3,000	1,000	42,500	12,200	432,300
Transportation & Utilities	6,900	1,500	270	500	400	9,600	2,700	315,700
Financial Activities	11,500	1,900	380	800	200	14,700	3,200	156,200
Education and Health Services	21,100	6,600	1,200	2,800	800	32,400	11,300	362,300
Leisure & Hospitality	16,500	5,000	1,100	2,800	800	26,300	9,800	245,100
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	32,800	7,500	900	2,300	600	44,000	11,200	951,200
Total Government	24,800	6,200	1,300	4,100	1,500	38,000	13,200	424,800
Federal	1,000	600	60	100	100	1,900	900	28,700
State	5,300	4,940	20	800	400	7,200	1,900	103,500
Local	18,500	5,300	1,200	3,200	1,100	29,300	10,800	292,600
<b>Change from one month ago April 2003</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	300	400	-100	0	0	600	300	1,000
Employed	1,500	600	100	400	200	2,700	1,300	23,200
Unemployed	-1,100	-300	-200	-300	-100	-2,100	-900	-22,200
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.5%	-0.4%	-1.6%	-1.2%	-0.9%	-0.6%	-0.8%	-0.7%
<b>Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	2,300	600	190	400	100	3,700	1,400	32,100
Total Private	2,100	500	200	400	100	3,300	1,200	35,500
Goods Producing	900	100	20	100	0	1,100	200	12,200
Service Producing	1,400	500	160	300	100	2,600	1,200	19,900
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	1,000	100	60	100	0	1,300	300	10,900
Manufacturing	-100	0	-40	0	0	-100	0	1,300
Trade	400	100	30	80	0	600	200	6,600
Transportation & Utilities	200	0	10	10	0	200	0	4,900
Financial Activities	200	0	0	10	0	200	0	1,500
Education and Health Services	-100	0	10	0	0	0	100	-700
Leisure & Hospitality	0	100	130	230	100	600	600	12,300
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	500	100	0	0	0	600	100	2,600
Total Government	200	200	-10	0	0	400	200	-3,400
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
State	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	-1,200
Local	200	200	-10	-10	0	300	100	-2,100
<b>Change from one year ago May 2002</b>								
<b>Civilian Labor Force*</b>	6,900	2,700	400	1,200	700	12,000	5,000	66,000
Employed	6,500	2,300	400	1,000	700	11,000	4,400	59,900
Unemployed	400	400	0	200	0	1,000	600	6,000
Unemployment rate(%)	0.0%	0.5%	-0.1%	0.4%	-0.3%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%
<b>Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	2,900	1,500	100	500	300	5,200	2,300	-100
Total Private	2,700	1,300	0	400	300	4,700	2,000	1,200
Goods Producing	400	-500	-100	0	0	-200	-600	-18,100
Service Producing	2,500	1,900	200	500	300	5,400	2,900	18,000
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	900	0	0	0	0	900	0	-7,600
Manufacturing	-500	-500	-100	0	0	-1,100	-600	-10,400
Trade	200	0	0	-200	100	100	-100	2,600
Transportation & Utilities	-100	0	0	0	100	0	100	800
Financial Activities	600	100	100	100	0	800	200	3,100
Education and Health Services	100	100	0	200	0	600	500	6,100
Leisure & Hospitality	500	600	200	400	100	1,800	1,300	-700
Info., Prof. & Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	1,000	800	-100	-200	0	1,600	600	17,300
Total Government	200	100	0	100	0	500	300	-1,300
Federal	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-100	-900
State	-100	0	0	0	0	-100	0	1,900
Local	400	100	0	100	0	700	300	-2,300

\* Includes participants residing in area. \*\* Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. N/A's data is benchmarked to 3/2002

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